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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, PK, BD

SUBJECT: PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH DEBT

REF: A. STATE 208687; B. ROME 11656

1. AS NOTED REFTTEL ECON/COML MIN SAW RICCIULLI, VIDE DIRECTOR
ECONAFF, MFA OCT 25 TO REVIEW PROBLEMS OF DEBT SERVICE, DISPUTED
DEBT AND THE PAYMENTS HUMP.

2. AS EXPECTED, RICCIULLI SAID THAT HE UNABLE COMMENT WITHOUT
FURTHER STUDY ON THE THREE OPTIONS, WHICH WERE IN ANY CASE A
TREASURY MATTER. HE OBSERVED THAT DEBT FORGIVENESS WOULD PROBABLY
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POSE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR GOI BOTH AS A PRACTICAL MATTER AND

ON PRINCIPLE AND, AS AN INITIAL REACTION, THOUGHT OPTION THREE PROBABLY OFFERED LEAST DIFFICULTIES AND BEST PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS. RICCIULLI ALSO NOTED THAT GOI HAS NO IDENTIFIABLE PROJECTS IN BGD. HE HAD RECENTLY TALKED TO PAKISTANI AMB AND HAD TOLD HIM THAT GOI WOULD BE PREPARED DISCUSS DEBTS WITH PAKISTANI DEL IN EARLY NOV, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO RECENT CONFIRMATION OF WHEN DEL ARRIVING.

3. MOVING TO THEME WHICH WE EXPECT WILL BE CONTINUAL REFRAIN OVER COMING YEAR OR TWO, RICCIULLI OUTLINED ACUTE BUDGET SITUATION AND INTRANSIGENT OPPOSITION FINANCE MIN LA MALFA TO ANY NEW COMMITMENTS OR TO EXPENDITURES WHICH COULD BE DEFERRED, REDUCED OR ELIMINATED. WHILE BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS PROBABLY APPLY MORE DIRECTLY TO ITALIAN PARTICIPATION CAMBODIAN ESP (SEPTTEL), IT IS CERTAINLY REDUCING POSSIBILITY THAT MFA WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE NEW AID INITIATIVE IN BGD WHICH IT HAD BEEN PUSHING. VOLPE

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